

shall include: "(1) A list of all patents, publications, **applications**, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office". Further, 37 CFR 1.98(b)(3) states that "each U.S. application listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by the inventor, application number, and filing date". Thus, related Application Serial No. 09/562 165 (now U.S. Patent No. 6 448 498) cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 17, 2001 has been correctly cited and warrants consideration by the Examiner. While the '165 application is not believed to constitute prior art relative to the instant application, Applicants as well as the undersigned have a duty to disclose related applications to the Examiner. Accordingly, consideration of this application and written acknowledgement of such consideration are requested.

Further, Applicants submitted Information Disclosure statements on November 14, 2001, December 12, 2001 and December 27, 2001. None of these Information disclosure statements have been acknowledged by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. The above Information Disclosure Statements were filed before the issuance of the Office Action, comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and thus warrant consideration. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of these Information Disclosure Statements are enclosed. However, additional copies of the references cited in these statements are not enclosed as same have already been submitted. If the references cited in the above Information Disclosure Statements are not present in the USPTO file, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned for additional copies.

Applicants note, with appreciation, the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 21-38, provided that these claims are amended so as to overcome a rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In response,

Claims 1, 4, 8, 24, 25, 28, 29, 35 and 38 are amended herein so as to more fully comply with 35 USC 112. With respect to the Examiner's statement that Claim 1 is misdescriptive "because the screen does not close off access to the receptacle", it is submitted that Claim 1 recites that the screen in a first position "**substantially** closes off access to said one power and communication receptacle" (emphasis added). Accordingly, amendment of Claim 1 in this respect is believed unnecessary. The Examiner also indicated with respect to Claim 1 that same would be better worded if in lines 19 and 20 it is stated that there is "at least one receptacle selected from a group of power receptacles and communication receptacles". Claim 1 states that the housing mounts therein "one of a power receptacle connected to an electrical circuit and a communication receptacle connected to a communication circuit". It is submitted that this language is not indefinite and fully complies with 35 USC 112, and amendment is believed unnecessary. Pending Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 21-38 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Further, Applicants add herein Claims 39-60, all of which are directed to workstation arrangements and are thus believed to be properly included in elected Group II. All of the art of record has been reviewed, and independent Claims 39, 46, 51 and 57 are believed to patentably distinguish over same. More specifically, none of the art of record teaches or suggests a workstation arrangement including: a table having a top defining at least one edge, a pair of legs projecting downwardly from the top, and a support member disposed adjacent the edge and extending transversely between and interconnecting the legs in vertically spaced relation from the top, and an enclosure mounted on the support member and defining a hollow interior containing one of a power receptacle connected to electrical circuitry and a communication receptacle connected to communication circuitry,

the enclosure mounting thereon a cover which is movable into a closed position to cover the receptacle and an open position to allow access to the receptacle", as recited in Claim 39; a worksurface defining a generally flat upper surface and a leg arrangement projecting generally downwardly therefrom, and a console for providing at least one of power and communication capability to the worksurface and including a pair of upright side walls which are spaced apart from one another, one of the side walls mounting thereon a power or communication receptacle, and a cover mounted adjacent the one side wall for movement between a first position wherein the cover is disposed in opposed and facing relation with the one side wall so as to overlap the receptacle and a second position wherein the cover is laterally displaced from the first position so that the receptacle is readily accessible for connection to power or communication cabling, the cover when in the first position being spaced from the one side wall to define a chamber between the one side wall and the cover, the chamber opening between respective adjacent edge portions of the cover and the one side wall to permit cabling to project into the chamber for connection to the receptacle or for storage, as recited in Claim 46; a worksurface having a top part defining a work area thereon and a leg arrangement projecting downwardly from the top part, and a cabling enclosure disposed adjacent the worksurface and including a housing, the housing mounting thereon a cover which is spaced from a portion of the housing so as to define a storage chamber between the portion and the cover for storing cabling, the cover being vertically slidably movable relative to the housing portion into a position wherein the cover is spaced from the housing portion to provide access to the storage chamber, as recited in Claim 51; and a worksurface having a generally horizontally oriented top part defining a work area thereon, the top part being supported by a leg arrangement disposed in supportive

engagement with a support surface such as a floor, and a power and communication unit mounted on the worksurface, the unit having a pair of side walls, a pair of end walls oriented transversely with respect to the side walls, and a bottom wall disposed at lower edge portions of the side and end walls, at least one of the side walls mounting thereon at least one of a power receptacle and a communication receptacle, the unit including a cover member movably mounted thereon in opposed and spaced relation with the one side wall so as to define a cable storage chamber adjacent the one power and communication receptacle, the storage chamber being continuously accessible through an access opening defined between edge portions of the cover member and the one side wall, as recited in Claim 57.

In view of the above, the instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and action toward that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Amended) A workstation arrangement comprising:

a worksurface having a generally horizontally enlarged plate-like top defining longitudinal front and rear edges and a pair of spaced-apart side edges respectively adjoining said front and rear edges, a pair of upright leg arrangements projecting downwardly from said top ~~in the vicinity of the respective adjacent each of said~~ side edges for supportive engagement with a support surface such as a floor, and a generally horizontally oriented cross member extending transversely between and interconnecting said leg arrangements, said cross member being disposed generally along said rear edge of said worksurface and in vertically spaced relation from lower ends of said leg arrangements; and

a console supported on said cross member and including a housing defining a generally hollow interior and mounting therein one of a power receptacle connected to an electrical circuit and a communication receptacle connected to a communication circuit, said housing supporting thereon a screen which is vertically slidably adjustable relative to said housing between a first position which substantially closes off access to said one power and communication receptacle and a second position which provides access to said receptacle.

4. (Amended) The arrangement of Claim 3 wherein said housing includes an upright inner wall disposed in opposed relation with said screen, said inner wall being spaced horizontally inwardly from said screen so as to define a storage chamber therebetween which opens upwardly through said access opening, said inner wall defining a window therein for mounting said one receptacle so that ~~same~~said one receptacle faces toward said storage chamber such that cabling associated

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with a said component supported on said worksurface overlies said rear edge thereof and extends downwardly therefrom and into said storage chamber for connection to said one receptacle.

8. (Amended) The arrangement of Claim 1 wherein said worksurface defines a recess which projects horizontally inwardly from said rear edge thereof, said console being mounted on said cross member so as to be positioned generally below said recess such that cabling associated with components supported on said worksurface projects downwardly through said recess and ~~into said console~~ for connection with said one power and communication receptacle.

24. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein said worksurface is a first worksurface and said console is a first console, said arrangement including a second worksurface and a second console mounted on a second cross member thereof, and an elongate raceway defining a channel therein for storing cabling, said raceway having a first end fastened to one of said consoles for communication with said hollow interior thereof and a second end fastened to the other said console for communication with said hollow interior thereof such that said raceway interconnects said ~~pair of worksurfaces~~first and second consoles.

25. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 24 wherein each said console defines a port therein, and said ends of said raceway respectively communicate with said ports ~~of the corresponding said console~~.

28. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein said housing of said console includes an upright support structure disposed within said hollow interior and

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mounting thereon ~~a both~~ power and ~~a~~ communication ~~receptacle receptacles~~, said console including front and rear walls ~~sidewardly~~ spaced from one another on opposite sides of said support structure and a pair of end walls extending transversely between said front and rear walls, one said end wall defining therein a raceway port which communicates with said hollow interior, said arrangement further including a raceway assembly mounted to said one end wall including an elongate and flexible support member which removably mounts thereon a plurality of covers disposed in end-to-end relation with one another along said support member so as to form an elongate raceway run defining an elongate channel therein in communication with said port, said support member being disposed to divide said channel into first and second channel parts for storing and separating cabling disposed within said raceway run.

29. (Amended) A workstation arrangement comprising:

a worksurface having a top and a leg arrangement projecting generally downwardly therefrom for supportive engagement with a floor; and

a console for supplying at least one of power and communication to said worksurface and including an upright housing having opposite upright and spaced-apart side walls which are spaced to define a hollow interior therebetween, a power or communication receptacle unit mounted on said housing generally within said hollow interior between said side walls, said receptacle unit having a receptacle which is positioned generally at one of said side walls ~~and is exteriorly accessible from adjacent said one side wall~~, and a cover movably mounted on said housing adjacent said one side wall and movable between a first position wherein the cover is disposed in horizontally opposed relation to said one side wall so as to horizontally overlap said receptacle and a

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second position wherein said cover is laterally displaced from said first position so that said receptacle is horizontally accessible, said cover when in said first position being spaced horizontally from said one side wall to define a storage chamber therebetween which opens upwardly between the cover and the housing to permit cabling to project downwardly into the chamber for access to the receptacle or for storage.

35. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 29, wherein said housing includes a pair of end walls which extend transversely and join to said side walls, said end walls each having an access opening formed therethrough in upwardly spaced relationship from the bottom of the housing for permitting cables to project horizontally through said access openings into the an interior of said housing, and a horizontally elongate hollow tubular raceway extending horizontally away from said console, said raceway having one end thereof connected to one end wall of said housing so that the hollow interior of the raceway communicates with the interior of said housing, said raceway being openable to permit cabling to be laid therein.

38. (Amended) The arrangement of Claim 29 wherein said worksurface is a first worksurface and said console is a first console and is mounted on said first worksurface, and said arrangement further includes a second worksurface sidewardly spaced from said first worksurface, a second console mounted on said second worksurface, and a raceway for storing cabling therein and having a first end fastened to one said console for communication with said hollow an interior thereof and a second end fastened to the other said console for communication with said hollow an interior thereof such that said raceway interconnects said first and second worksurfaces.